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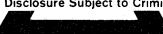
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	AIRFIELD UPGRADING SOUTH AFRICA	25X1
1.	(S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: FACILITIES UPGRADING IS IN PROGRESS AT TWO SOUTH AFRICAN AIRFIELDS NEAR THE MOZAMBIQUE BORDER.	
2.	(S/D) REMARKS: EXTENSIVE RUNWAY GRADING AND FILLING OPERATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS AT PUNDA MILIA AIRFIELD . THE COMPLETED RUNWAY WILL MEASURE APPROXIMATELY 2,320 BY 37 METERS ON A NORTHWEST-SOUTHEAST ORIENTATION AND WILL PROBABLY BE PAVED	25 X 1
	WHEN FINISHED. GRADING FOR A LARGE PARKING APRON IS IN PROGRESS NEXT TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RUNWAY. APPROXIMATELY 20 PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, SIX PERSONNEL TENTS, AND SEVERAL PILES OF EARTH/GRAVEL ARE NEARBY. NO AIRCRAFT ARE PRESENT.	:
	AT SKUKUZA AIRFIELD , A NEW LOOP TAXIWAY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF THE RUNWAY AND IS BORDERED ON ITS PERIMETER BY A LARGE BERM. THE TAXIWAY IS PROBABLY BEING BUILT TO FACILITATE QUICK TURNAROUND FOR TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN LOGISTICS OPERATIONS. THE TAXIWAY WAS NOT PRESENT IN FEBRUARY 1980. NO AIR ORDER-OF-BATTLE IS PRESENT IN THE CLOUD-FREE AREAS.	25X1
	THIS ACTIVITY, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE STARTED RECENTLY, MAY INDICATE AN INCREASE IN SUPPORT TO SOUTH AFRICAN-BACKED REBEL FORCES OPERATING INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE. AT LEAST TEN OTHER PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIRFIELDS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE BORDER HAVE BEEN IMAGED RECENTLY, AND NO OTHER CONSTRUCTION IS NOTED.	
	PUNDA MILIA AND SKUKUZA AIRFIELDS ARE IN NORTHEAST SOUTH AFRICA. EACH AIRFIELD IS APPROXIMATELY 22 NM FROM THE MOZAMBIQUE BORDER. PUNDA MILIA IS 110 NM NORTHEAST OF PIETERSBURG; SKUKUZA IS 130 NM SOUTHEAST OF PIETERSBURG.	
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